THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (d) 'Public order' and 'Police' are State subjects as per the Constitution of India and hence the maintenance of public order and peace, as also, registration, investigation and prevention of crime are the primary concern of the State Governments. A large number of activists of the Students Islamic Movement of India have been involved in the anti-national activities in the country and cases have been registered against them. SIMI has been declared as unlawful association under the provisions of Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967. The Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Tribunal consisting of Hon'ble Justice S.K. Agarwal, Judge of the Delhi High Court has been constituted for the purpose of adjudicating whether or not there is a sufficient cause for declaring SIMI as unlawful association. The matter is before the Tribunal for adjudication.

Killings in Assam during Durga Puja celebrations

3094. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that terrorist activities killing a number of persons were reported from different areas in Assam particularly in Dhubri and Nalbari Districts during the Durga Puja celebrations held in the end of October;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these activities have been reportedly carried out by militants of National Democratic Front of Bodoland in Assam; and

(d) the steps taken to re-store normalcy so that the citizens in different parts of State feel assured of their lives and belongings without violent activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (c) According to available information three persons were killed on 25.10.2001 in an explosion caused by some suspected National Democratic Front of Bodoland (NDFB) militants at Gauripur Mahamaya Puja Mandap in Gauripur town, Dhubri. In another incident on 26.10.2001, some suspected NDFB militants fired upon the Army patrolling party near the Khoirani Puja Mandap at Pakrijuli (Police Station-Tamulpur) in Nalbari District. As a result, one Army personnel died on the spot.

(d) The Government has taken various steps to protect lives and properties from terrorist outfits in Assam. These include, *inter alia*, deployment of para-military Forces and Army in the State, coordinated action by Army, Para-Military

Forces and State Police for counter insurgency operations, declaration of major militant groups as unlawful associations under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967, declaration of the entire State of Assam as "disturbed area" under the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958; reimbursement of security related expenditure to the State Government and modernization/up-gradation of State Police Force. Regular review of the situation both at State and Central Government level is being made.

Special funds to Doordarshan for making programmes against insurgency

3095. SHRI INDRAMONI BORA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Ministry allocate special funds to Doordarshan for making special programme against insurgency in North-Eastern Region and Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, how much funds allocated for North-Eastern Region in the current financial year;

(c) whether it is also alleged that funds allocated by Doordarshan for making commissioned programme on the North-Eastern to private producers who are not from North-Eastern States; and

(d) who are the producers from North-Eastern who got allotment for such programmes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) No, Sir. Ministry of Home Affairs does not allocate any funds to Doordarshan for this purpose.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Programmes are assigned to producers belonging to the North Eastern States as well as areas outside the North Eastern region keeping in view of their track record and the merit of the proposal submitted by them. However, preference is given to the producers from the North Eastern States.